

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities
Subactivity: Alaska Native Cultural Center

Program Component	1999 Estimate	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2000 Budget Request	Change From 1999 (+/-)
Alaska Native Cultural Center	750	0	-750	0	-750
Total Requirements \$(000)	750	0	-750	0	-750

AUTHORIZATION

Public Law 103-239, Title VII (Other Programs), Subtitle C , section 722, Alaska Native Art and Culture.

OVERVIEW

To support the restoration and rehabilitation of the **Alaska Native Cultural Center** which will allow for expanded interpretation and preservation of Alaska Native traditions through educational programs. The center is governed by a 15-member board, with representation from at least five different Alaska Native regions.

APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- Ib The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values; management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information.
- IIa Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- IIb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
- IIIa Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
- IIIb Through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.

Alaska Native Cultural Center *FY 1999 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments*

Enacted: \$750,000

Funding provided in FY 1999 will be used for costs associated with the final planning and development for general operations and special programs at the Alaska Native Heritage Center, which is due to open in May of 1999. Costs involved will include payments to staff, contractors and consultants of the Alaska Native Heritage Center as necessary, as well as travel expenses, equipment and supplies.

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FY 2000 BUDGET REQUEST

	2000 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
▪ Alaska Native Cultural Center	0	-750

- *Alaska Native Cultural Center (-\$750,000)*: The NPS is requesting the elimination of funding for the Alaska Native Cultural Center in FY 2000 to allow increased support for higher priority NPS programs. In addition, Administration guidance directed that the NPS begin the phase out of statutory aid funding for non-Federal organizations that were established with Federal assistance, but should now be capable of self-sufficiency.